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## WANT OF WATER ON THE VELDT

Soldiers Glad to Drink From Pools Which Horses Had Churned Into Mud.

## SITUATION IN THE ORANGE FREE STATE

Boers Raiding Near the Border of Basutoland and a Fight is Imminent—Burghers May Attempt Invasion.

(Associated Press.) London, April 9.—The amazing activity of the Boers southeast and southwest of Bloemfontein continues. The Boer commandos seemingly going and coming throughout a wide region as they please, but taking good care not to throw themselves against bodies of the British.

Communication Cut Off. The retirement of the Irish Rifles from Rouville to Allwal leaves General Brabant without communication with the British forces. He has 2,000 to 3,000 Colonials holding a fine decisive country, but he is apparently invested so far as London knows.

Nothing for Publication. Telegraphic and railroad communication with Bloemfontein are kept up as usual, but nothing comes through for publication.

Cavalry at Bloemfontein. Lord Roberts' last dispatch was dated April 6th, and the last unofficial message bore date of April 7th.

The last unofficial message notes that the good spirits at Bloemfontein are continuing, and tells of the arrival of anti-mine and two fresh cavalry regiments.

Lord Roberts now has about 15,000 mounted men altogether.

In the Orange Free State the situation is complex with scanty material for forming a correct estimate of the condition of affairs and the afternoon papers, not being in the confidence of the war managers, are criticising the conduct of affairs as they see them.

## A FIGHT IMMINENT.

Maseru, April 7.—The Boers who were massed last week near Ladysmith in the number of 10,000, after seizing Thaba Nchu and the Modder River water works, broke into strong divisions and they are now raiding in the south of the Free State, reconquering the small towns which were evacuated by the British.

The Boers' policy seems to be to make rapid movements with little transports, looting English storekeepers freely for

provisions, and cutting the communications of the British forces.

Gen. Brabant's colonials are mostly at Wepener. They are a splendid force, capable of great striking power, and used to cross-country riding, and are able to deal roughly with the Boer commandos now roaming about the country.

A squadron of Brabant's Horse captured 400 rifles near Wepener. His outposts are reported to be in touch with the Boers and a fight is regarded as imminent.

Persistent reports are being circulated that the Boers are preparing to retake the British position at Wepener, and thus to secure entrance into Basutoland. Such an attempt will be resisted by the Basutoland government, which is believed to have made every preparation.

Meanwhile the approach of the armies to Basutoland produces much excitement among the natives, necessitating the utmost vigilance on the part of the local officials.

## BOER FIRE SILENCED.

Warrenton, April 7.—Yesterday evening the British shelled Fourteen Streams, which was crossed by a force of Boers. This morning the Boers placed in position a big gun, which they fired ineffectively. A fusillade of Mauser shells followed at intervals throughout the day.

The British dropped lyddite and shrapnel shells into the Boer position, finally silencing the enemy's fire and driving off the snipers.

## THIRST.

London, March 31.—Everybody remembers the famous picture of thirst, which portrays the gaunt, half-starved lion in the midst of the desert-lapping up the few remaining drops of moisture from an impoverished pool, but a correspondent in the Morning Post tells us that though the British soldier "has thirsted in the thirstiest corners of the globe," he admits the veldt to be a fresh experience.

Aden, Indian, Egyptian, the Sudan, but here is something hotter, not drier, not dustier, but less endurable. Men who have lived in Kimberley, Johannesburg, Bloemfontein and Natal are only now, while campaigning, acquiring the experience—the army with its incessant tramping and the ceaseless fog, and dust that hangs about its camps, and to that must be added the

## Compulsory Life in the Sun.

the sun at its hottest, driest, hours. The entire absence of shade, the parching suction of the sand, which is chair and table.

Here, where when one knows by tired limb the weight of what one drinks, the thought of water flowing through pipes seems a dream of paradise and such water—water through which one could see—which left no mud at the bottom of the mug, and which did not stain what it was spilt on. One remembers that in England they analyze that kind of water.

At Randersham there was a big pond, what was left of a moist dam. The water was very shallow, but the mud was black and deep. One sank to the knees if one tried to walk, and so sat gently half in mud and half in brown slush, and

Thanked God for Water.

From it with the green leeches hanging about one's body like bits of seaweed, and with a sprinkling of other less known insects.

Horses looked back at that pool, but the men drank of it greedily, and drank of it where the horses' hoofs had churned it into a blackish green liquor, thick as soup.

Let everyone who turns to-day's water tap in England give a thought, to those who are dropping buckets in South

Africa, and be grateful for an exceeding privilege.

## VIGNETTE FROM THE BATTLE-FIELD.

"Twenty yards to the left a man is lying pressed flat against the ground. He is very much the color of the ground, and occasional whiffs of dust over him have aided the disguise. There are little tufts of withered scrub which help to hide him though but a few inches high. The sun has been blazing on his back and the sand about him for seven hours, and the veldt wavers confusedly in the glare of heat."

"The man on the left feels gingerly for the tin bottle which lies under his left elbow, his fingers spread over its felt covering, and give it a gentle shake. The shake is repeated, and he begins to draw the bottle slowly under him, keeping his body rigidly stiff. The job is a long one because the bottle strap catches in his accoutrements and

He Dare Not Move

to free it. When he has it at last beneath him he begins to turn over, as slowly as he can. He lifts his foot a few inches to balance himself, and the next instant there is a spot dust from the sand beside him, not much more than an arm's length away. He keeps his eyes on the mark. The bullet has made and remains for some moments as if it had turned him to stone, then with a more laborious patience he resumes his movement, till at last he is on his back and has the bottle above him.

"It only holds a few drops, but he thought he had drained even them an hour ago, and his tongue is like a piece of fur in his mouth. He got with a rush to the place he occupied about 8 o'clock in the morning, when

A Sudden Crackle from the river in front of him told the whole line on its face, where it has remained with occasional wriggling forward ever since. He is on the right of his company and alone, for the man next him, after chafing the Boer shouting for half an hour, begun suddenly to whimper, and has been still ever since.

"He failed himself to take the bullets humorously, but he grew used to them, till one came between his face and the ground, struck his left buckle, then he cursed them and was afraid, till he lost all other feelings in the awful sense of thirst."

"He knows the action is going on still, for he can hear the steady pounding of a battery from the hill behind him, and sudden scurries of rifle beyond the river to the left. He knows too from those hateful

Spills of Dust

that the Boer is still behind the bushes in front of him, but the Boer is always behind something, and he is tired of trying to shoot and being shot at by a man whom he never sees. Besides if he lifts his rifle the dust begins to jump again, and the rifle barrel is scalding hot, the veldt is searing on the stock as though it stood before a fire, and to touch it means to scorch his unbreakable shirt."

"He tries to guess the hour the sun goes over on his left side. He writes names on the sand with his finger and rubs them out. At last, while there are still some three hours of daylight, the further bank grows more and more carried till it runs into a continuous roll. A last determined disastrous attempt is being made to push back the enemy's right. The Seaforth's, Cornwalls and Canadians, mixed together, are

Clambering, Leaping, Blundering

forward across the deep intricate channels of the donga beds. If things have gone well there will be fresh orders probably, but no orders come.

"At 6 o'clock he has been twelve hours under fire. His last meal was a biscuit, fifteen hours back, when he had fallen in at three in the morning, after marching all the day before. But he is away neither of weariness or of hunger in the fever of his thirst. The dust of his face, stained walnut brown by exposure to the sun, has a dry, twisted look like the parched stone of the sandstone, though all the moisture had been wrung from it. One grows to know that look too late. His fingers never leave his water bottle, nor his eyes the green fringe of bush along the river. Another hour and the guns about him cease firing, and

A New Fight

seems to be beginning far away on the right. The sun is going down and he can see nothing to the left of him, but a hot gold glare of dust.

"The battle grows louder on the right. A Howitzer battery has come into action, brownish puffs of lyddite are bursting about the bushes, and the smoke from the scrubs pays no heed to it."

"His arms are spread out flat, his fingers dug into the dust sand. He is pulling himself slowly forward. His eyes glaring ahead through the scrub, when a bullet strikes near the sandstone, a moment, but goes on again. So in half an hour he covers about fifty yards. He can see the cool, hollow of the river, but there is only brown grass along its banks, and his chance lies in a dish. He is on all fours for a spring, but he gets no further. A rifle has been following the faint trail of dust above him and he sinks down in a lump with a bullet through his head."

Ordered to Kimberley.

Capetown, April 9.—Lieut.-Gen. Sir Henry Rundle, commander of the eighth division, has been ordered to Kimberley on special duty.

Corrections.

Ottawa, April 9.—The department of militia has received a cable from Lieut.-Col. Otter correcting an error in the casualties on March 18: Corp. J. Smith, 2nd Oxford Rifles, reported killed, was wounded; Pte. B. Smith, 20th Middlesex Light Infantry, reported wounded, was killed.

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## The War in South Africa

It is Reported From Bloemfontein That Gatacre Has Engaged the Boers.

Boers Planning to Outflank Buller in Natal-Force at Koonstadt.

London, April 7.—The only news received from the front to-night came from Bloemfontein relating to an engagement by Gen. Gatacre at Reddersburg, which seems to have been held back by the censor.

It will be remembered that Lord Roberts regarding the unfortunate occurrence at Reddersburg said that General Gatacre had arrived there on the morning of April 4th. Hence he may have succeeded in engaging the Boers later in the day.

It is strange, however, that Gen. Gatacre's subsequent movements have not been mentioned in Lord Roberts's other dispatches, the last of which was dated the evening of April 6th.

In Natal.

It is reported from Ladysmith that the Boers are beginning to construe General Buller's inactivity as a sign of fear of inability to resume active operations. Hence they are showing much activity, particularly around Biggarsburg and are said to be planning to outflank General Buller by an advance in force by way of Helpmankers. Since the plan is known it is not likely that the Boers will find Buller unprepared.

Boers at Koonstadt.

The Boers state that the Colenso and Stormberg combats, numbering 6,000 men and ten guns have reached Koonstadt.

Were Disappointed.

Speaking at an anniversary meeting at Winchester on April 6th, former Premier Sir John Gordon Spragg declared that he had been informed by a member of the AFKander Bund who had just returned from Pretoria that the executive of the Republic at the commencement of the war expected the active assistance of 40,000 volunteers. He learned also that money had been promised for leading columns in machinery with the governments of the republics.

Boers as Fighters.

Mr. Chamberlain is reported to have said recently: "I think we are dealing with better fighters as individuals than any regular soldiers of the continent. The Boers seem to me to have both caution and dash."

The Scarcity of Horses.

The disposition to find fault with the war office for not having anticipated the necessity for the enormous number of horses seems unjustified, for it is known that before the dash to Kimberley and the destruction of horse feed caused by the surrounding of Gen. Cronje, the war office wired to its agents all over the world, particularly in North and South America, giving them power of buying horses unlimited further notice. The obstacles in the way of assembling and transporting the animals were such that horses bought a month ago can hardly reach Lord Roberts before June.

Cheques for Prisoners.

Bankers are transmitting gold or its equivalent regularly to the paying changes of British officers who are held prisoners and the Standard Bank of Pretoria honors such cheques. There is no limit to the amount placed on the cheques for the prisoners, they live in much comfort. In fact their messes are probably much better provided than those of the officers at Bloemfontein. Some of the captives, who have been there for months have regular service via Hamburg and London. They are well looked after and receive good food, drink, and various games, including billiards.

Reported Engagement.

Bloemfontein, April 4.—(Afternoon.)—General Gatacre had an engagement with the enemy at Reddersburg today. Details of the affair have not been obtained.

Contribution From Lloyds.

Winipeg, April 7.—A cable from London says that the committee of Lloyds's patriotic fund have informed the Canadian high commissioner of their intention to make a substantial grant to the Canadian patriotic fund.

The secretary of the British fund for the Canadian contingents has received three large packages of warm clothing from the Princess Louise fund, which are being forwarded immediately to South Africa.

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## FESTIVITIES IN DUBLIN.

The Irish Capital is Crowded With People From All Parts of the Land.

London, April 7.—Dublin has this week been transformed into a capital as gay and as busy as any European centre. The coming of the Queen, though to a Catholic country in the middle of Lent, has started a whirl of festivities such as there has not been in Ireland since the good old days of which Lever wrote. The Irish nobility have flocked across the Channel from their English homes in unprecedented numbers, and from the south, the west and the north of Ireland itself the country families have poured into Dublin. There is a sufficient number of the ministry on the banks of the Liffey to hold a cabinet council, and there are enough lovely women nightly dining in gorgeous dresses, shining with jewelry which has not been worn for many a dull day, to make an Irish levee of which any court might be jealous.

The Castle, where the Lord Lieutenant holds sway, is naturally the centre of attraction, but the ancient building can hold only a few. There the Duke of Devonshire, the Duke of Abercorn, the Marquis of Lansdowne, Home Secretary, and a number of peers and actresses have been dining in state every night this week.

The Shelbourne Hotel has been the centre of gaiety. There almost every visitor has a title, though many of the distinguished foreigners learned with chagrin that they could not get rooms and had to be satisfied with humble lodgings and dinners.

The most popular form of evening amusement has been the chartering of trolleys for large parties and taking rides throughout the crowded and illuminated streets. With the influence of social gaiety, special consideration is being given to the entertainment of the more advanced the Queen becomes in years the more her work increases with the extension of the Empire and the increased activity of modern life. It is estimated that she has to sign fifty thousand documents a year, an average of 137 a day, including Sunday. Masses of state papers go to her now while in Ireland.

COMING TO CANADA.

It is Generally Believed the Prince of Wales Will Visit the Dominion This Year.

Winipeg, April 7.—A London cable says: "Although no definite announcement is yet made, it is generally believed that the Prince of Wales will certainly visit Canada during the coming summer. The idea to do so was suggested some time ago and has been further quickened by the success of the Queen's visit to Ireland."

The "crazy attempt on his life in Brussels" also probably still further influence him to the Canadian trip, as showing that he does not entertain any fears from travelling abroad.

The desire of Canada to entertain the Prince has received further expression within the last few days. His Royal Highness is said to have received an assurance from Sir Wilfrid Laurier that the whole Dominion will welcome him. The agents of Ottawa, Toronto, Quebec and Montreal are also said to have expressed anxiety to open the gates of their several cities to the heir apparent."

The baby's coming is often looked forward to with great interest and anxiety. Many women are physically unfit to become mothers. They are sick and weak.

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## Dominion Parliament

Mr. Bostock Questions the Government Regarding Affairs in British Columbia.

Nearly a Whole Day Taken Up With the Affairs of a Defunct Bank.

Ottawa, April 8.—Probably the most interesting part of yesterday's sitting of the House of Commons was a discussion and statement by the Minister of Finance regarding the affairs of the Banque Ville Marie. Private bills and members' questions made up the balance of the day's business.

Lieut.-Col. Prior (Victoria), on the orders of the day, referred to British Columbia's offer of a corps for service in South Africa, and asked for additional correspondence to that already brought down. The Premier and Minister of Militia both said that all the papers had been laid before the House.

Upon the suggestion of Mr. Foster, the Premier promised to move for the printing of all papers in the Hughes-Hutton case.

Montreal Riots.

Mr. Monet asked whether the government was aware that the Victoria Riots were called out during the recent disturbance in Montreal; whether orders to that effect were issued by the government or Minister of Militia; and whether the government knew that the Riot Act had been read?

The Prime Minister replied that the acting district officer commanding reported on March 2nd that the preceding evening about 9 o'clock the Montreal drill hall was attacked by a mob, and that, fearing a more serious outbreak, he requested the officers commanding the corps of the city of Montreal, to call out their units to guard their several armories. No orders were issued by the government, and the government was not informed concerning the reading of the Riot Act.

Disbandment of 70th Battalion.

In reply to a question by Mr. Macdonald, the Prime Minister said that the 70th Battalion was disbanded by general order, of February, 1900, having become non-effective.

Trent Valley Canal.

In response to an enquiry by Mr. Rogers, the Premier stated that the cost to date of the Trent valley canal has been \$2,410,000, and \$206,288 on land donations. It is the intention of the government to complete the canal, which, it is estimated, will cost five millions.

In reply to a question by Mr. Ross Robertson, the Minister of Militia said that full arrangements were made with Lieut.-Col. Otter, commanding the first Canadian contingent, for particulars of the movements and casualties among the men under his charge. He added that Lieut.-Col. Otter had cabled the list of casualties in the engagement at Paardeburg Drift on Feb. 17th the cable had never been received by the department here.

British Columbia Politics.

Mr. Bostock (Vale and Cariboo) put a question to the government to ascertain whether any report had been received from Lieutenant-Governor McInnes on his reasons for dismissing the Selkirk Ministry and calling upon the Hon. Joseph Martin.

The Prime Minister responded that the report of the Lieutenant-Governor has not yet been received. He has been pressed to make one and on March 28th he wired that the report had been forwarded on that day.

Mounted Infantry.

Lieut.-Col. Guillet asked whether the Minister of Militia had recommended the establishment of a number of units of mounted infantry in connection with the volunteer militia.

The Prime Minister, on behalf of the Hon. Dr. Borden, returned the answer that the matter was under consideration.

Loan Companies.

Mr. McInnes (Vancouver, B. C.) asked in the government's little department of loan companies, acting under Dominion authority, are failing to fulfil the representations made by their agents and contained in their advertising literature, to their borrowers, and are exporting for the borrowers large sums of money as an incentive to securing business from them? Is it the intention of the government to take any action to prevent these frauds?

The Prime Minister in reply said the government had no knowledge of any such state of affairs.

Manitoba School Question.

Mr. Dugas (Montreal) asked whether the Prime Minister had made a statement since coming to that office that he had his administration finally settled the Manitoba school question?

Sir Wilfrid Laurier—The Prime Minister has declared on the floor of the House and elsewhere that the school question had been settled in the only effective way in which it could be settled, by removing it from the arena of federal politics and referring it to the Legislature of Manitoba, which, in a spirit of conciliation and goodwill to the minority passed important legislation in amendment to the School Act of 1890, and such legislation, like all other legislation is always subject to amendment and improvement.

Manitoba School Lands.

In reply to a question by Mr. Laurier the Prime Minister stated that the present government of Manitoba had not made any demand on the Federal government for the control of the school lands and funds. They had, however, asked for a conference, which would be granted.

Banque Ville Marie.

Mr. Monk (Jacques Cartier) moved for a copy of the petition presented to the government by the deputation which waited on them some months ago requesting the government to come to the aid of the depositors. In so doing he went into the whole history of the case. He reminded the House that the chief sufferers by the failure of the bank were poor people in Montreal and the surrounding districts, where the bank opened branches for sinister purposes, and where its agents procured an abnormal amount of money in the form of deposits which were used to bolster up the affairs of the institution generally. Mr. Monk hoped that the legislation in amendment of the Banking Act, to be introduced this session, would prevent such failures in the future. It was quite clear that the law must be changed as regards the control of circulation over which the government did not possess sufficient control; and as regards the inspection of the affairs of the banks at stated intervals. The banks objected strongly to inspection of any kind; but he thought that it was possible to compel the government to provide such inspection as would prevent the recurrence of such a disaster. There should also be control exercised over the opening of branch offices, for there was no doubt that if under such a law the Banque Ville Marie had been obliged to conform with certain reasonable formalities before obtaining authorization to open branches, enquiry would have been provoked which would have stopped its operations. Mr. Monk traced the history of the bank, which had been





# TO THE CITIZENS OF VICTORIA



The successful appeal of the Dominion Trading Stamp Company to the High Court of Justice against its convictions under the Transient Traders' Act has resulted in a legal definition of their business as "Advertising whereby local business is promoted and cash trade stimulated."

The decision of the courts has also enabled the company to become incorporated as advertisers, which it has recently done with a fully paid up capital of \$50,000.00. This decision confirming the legality of their business, followed by its incorporation on a sound financial basis, will be welcome news to the thousands of merchants, as well as to their customers, who believe in this popular system of cash trading.

With the same energy, enterprise and perseverance which has characterized the Company's business in the past, Trading Stamps, it would seem, will soon be regarded as a commercial necessity throughout the Dominion.

While the BLUE TRADING STAMPS, if one's observation counts for anything, are steadily increasing in popularity, the stamps, coupons and tickets of other similar institutions are constantly brought into question, only a week ago suit being brought against one of these concerns in Guelph.

No merchant who is thoughtful of his reputation and business will be associated with, nor will the public collect, the stamps of a company who does not conduct its business honestly and fairly.

Some merchants in Vancouver have learned to their sorrow that running a Trading Stamp system successfully requires not only a good deal of capital, but that it is certain to end in failure when the merchants are directly interested in the show-room.

THE BRITISH COLUMBIA and the PEOPLE'S STAMP COMPANIES BOTH closed their doors in Vancouver after a BRIEF and INGLORIOUS career of FIVE WEEKS.

The People's Stamp Company is now trying to resuscitate itself by opening out here, though, we take it, Victoria citizens are too intelligent to give their support to any system that could not exist where it originated.

Do not be misled by parties offering you substitutes or imitations for genuine BLUE TRADING STAMPS.

See that the merchant keeps the Dominion Trading Stamps before you make your purchases.



We are, yours sincerely,  
**THE DOMINION TRADING STAMP COMPANY, LTD.,**

Cor. Fort and Broad Streets.

Head Office---235 Yonge St., Toronto, Ont.



## Late Dawson Advices

Wayward Corporal of the Yukon  
Field Force Attempts to  
Suicide.

Capt. Thorburn Puts a Bullet in  
His Head--Strike on Sul-  
livan Island.

News was brought by the steamer Danube, which arrived last night, that the trails are fast breaking up and the ground is visible in many places. At Fifty-mile the river is open, and in other places the ice is so thin that it is dangerous to travel. On the C. B. Co. cut-off it is said that there are about two hundred tons caught in the soft ice. This is the story told by the number of Klondike who arrived by the Danube. C. Young and A. Lambert are among the arrivals. They left Dawson on March 26th, and came through in twelve days, mashing the whole way over the breaking ice. C. G. Wood, of New York, left Dawson on March 28th and came through with a dog team. He says his dog was drawn over the bare ground for a considerable part of the journey. He was 17 days in coming out. News was given by Mr. Woods of the drowning of eight head of cattle belonging to one of those going in with beef for Dawson. They fell through the soft ice near Fifty-mile, and when going in with a dog team was seen to go through, but he managed to haul himself out again, even before assistance could reach him. There are rumors of drowning accidents along the trail and some of them may prove true for the ice is in a very dangerous condition. Other rumors from the Klondike capital who arrived by the Danube were Messrs. Jones and Lancaster.

News was launched from Dawson by the Danube do March 27th. On that date there were two attempts at suicide in the Klondike capital, one of the weary ones being Corporal N. W. Watson, of the Yukon Field Force, and the other Captain William Thorburn, an Ontario man, who has been living with H. Donville, son of Col. Donville. The Dawson Daily News says of the attempt of Watson to take his life:

"Corporal N. W. Watson, of the Yukon Field Force, was found this morning lying in the snow near the residence of Major Perry, southeast of the barracks. He had a bullet wound in his right side near the hip. A revolver was lying near, and the presumption is that he fired the shot himself. He was not wholly unconscious when found. He was discovered by a civilian, who reported the matter to Corporal of the Guard Preston, who immediately had

the soldier brought to the barracks, where he was placed in the N.W.M.P. hospital.

"Watson is the man who has been absent without leave from the barracks for 20 days past and for whom the Field Force and N.W.M.P. have been looking during that time. Whether his place of concealment and what has been occupying his time during this interval has been made known to the officers at the barracks could not be learned. Watson seems to have a good many friends on the force and all of them are extremely reticent as to the matter, and some of them were led out of their usual good humor at the mere mention of Watson's name in an effort to gain information.

"Captain Thatcher briefly stated that Watson is about 30 years of age, has a wife at London, Ontario, has been in the service eight years, during a part of which time he was employed in the orderly room and has hitherto borne a very good reputation. He will, upon his recovery, he says, be court-martialed, and probably discharged from the service.

"It is further learned that Corporal Watson has a brother-in-law on the Field Force in the person of Bugler Kennedy. Colonel Watson, serving on General Buller's staff, is his brother. He is well connected on the other side of the water, his father's family living at Dublin.

"Corporal Watson's eccentricities, recently developed are, according to his friends, chargeable to whisky. It was under his influence he has attempted to hold up two citizens in daylight with a revolver. He has got a number of small checks cashed around town, one by Bishop Bonaparte and another by the night clerk at the Yukon hotel. He is being guarded by Sergeant Major Foster of the Field Force and will probably be able to be out again in a few days.

"The news tells of the attempted suicide of Capt. Thorburn under the head of 'Blew Out His Brains.' 'Probable Fatal Attempt at Suicide.' It says: 'Captain William Thorburn was found in a cabin at the corner of Sixth street north and Fifth avenue about noon today, with a bullet wound in his head that will doubtless prove fatal. The indications all point to suicide. There are no witnesses, however, and although the cabin is in a thickly settled neighborhood no one heard the shot. The cabin is owned by H. Donville, son of Col. James Donville, and it was he who reported the circumstance to the police. Thorburn and Donville came into the country together in the spring of 1898 and Thorburn has been making his home at Donville's cabin. Mr. Donville was not at home last night. He went to the cabin at about noon today and, he says, found Thorburn lying in a semi-conscious condition on his couch in the corner. His (Donville's) revolver lying beside him, blood saturating the pillow and lying in clotted pools on the floor and marking the walls. A wound over the right eye, from which blood and brains were oozing.

"Donville at once notified Sergeant

Wilson at the town station and Dr. Duvean was called. The latter dressed the wound and the policemen removed Thorburn to the Good Samaritan hospital.

"Donville says he does not know what he made of the circumstance. He says he had no hint from Thorburn of any intention to commit suicide. No statement could be secured from Thorburn, although he is not unconscious. When speaking in his presence as to how the wound was made, the question being raised as to which hand he held the revolver in, he raised his left hand and upon examination it was found to be marked with powder.

"Donville says that he was in Thorburn's company last evening and that Thorburn was drinking and had been drinking freely for some days. Last night he was seen playing the roulette wheel in the Bank saloon.

"Donville says that Thorburn was of a very honorable character and that if things went wrong he took them much to heart, but that he had not shown any special signs of depression lately.

"Thorburn is a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, and is about 40 years of age. He is said to be well-to-do. He has some mining interests here, but their value cannot be stated. He has never engaged in any business here, other than to buy and sell goods in a desultory manner, and in the same manner look after his mining interests. He is not married. The weapon used was a 38-calibre. Donville says it was not loaded when he last saw it. As found today it was fully charged, with two cartridges exploded. The wound is almost certain to prove fatal."

"F. J. Becker, arrived at Dawson on March 26th from Skagway on a wheel, and left again on a short stay bound to Nome down the river.

The Dawson News of the 27th says:

## EXPERIENCE

hast taught us how to make the best Emulsion in the world; Experience has proved that this Emulsion is worthy of entire confidence. There are many imitations of

**Scott's Emulsion**

and all kinds of substitutes for it; but none equal it. If your doctor recommends you to take Cod-Liver Oil, or you know yourself that you need it, get SCOTT'S EMULSION; it is the best Cod-Liver Oil in the best form.

If we had your address we would send you a sample and a pamphlet telling more about it.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Toronto.

"So many vague statements have been made concerning the supposed escape of the Car of Russia opening Siberia to American gold seekers that, in order to determine the truth of these letters of enquiry were sent to the United States state department at Washington. A reply to one of these has been received in Dawson, which briefly states that no permission has been given Americans to invade the Siberian goldfields. The rumors are supposed to be founded on concessions granted by the Russian government about five years ago to a company of prospectors, covering placer lands on the northwest coast of the sea of Okhotsk, which lies to the southeast of the Behring straits."

News was brought by the Danube that a rich quartz strike has been made at Sullivan Island on Lynn Canal. It appears that some Skagway people, whose names were not learned, while prospecting near the mouth of Lynn Canal with a small boat, were caught in a storm and put in for shelter on the lee side of Sullivan Island. While camping there one of the men, by mere accident, discovered a gold ledge fifty feet wide, which at the surface assayed \$50 to the ton.

Upon further development the mine was found to considerably increase in value and gave promise to give a big fortune to the locators. After the storm had ceased the men started for Skagway to obtain supplies for which to prosecute their work of development. They returned at once with a ton of provisions and mining implements.

## A DELIGHTED AUDIENCE.

Fifteen Hundred People Listened to a Fine Programme in the Drill Hall on Saturday Night.

The fifteen hundred people who attended the drill hall concert on Saturday evening were delighted by the excellent programme provided. Miss Louise M. Brehan and Mr. W. Guillaume Savit fully redeemed the many complimentary things said about them in the advance notices. Many in the audience expressed their surprise that Mr. Finn had managed to secure artists of such high merit. Mr. Savit, the solo pianist, had only executed a few bars of Chopin's "Grand Valse" when he was recognized as a performer of rare excellence. His being easy, full and free, and her articulation being especially clear. Miss Brehan has also a captivating stage presence. The band was in splendid form, the rendering of Gounod's second

suite of ballet music from "Faust," and Wagner's overture to "Rienzi" being especially admired. In the latter selection the band had fine attack and volume. The "Native Sons" march, by S. D. Schultz, made a capital impression with its catchy, flowing melody, spirit and dash. It was original, full of surprises and reflects great credit on the composer. It was heartily enjoyed. Miss Clara Spray, of Seattle, Wash., has been engaged for the extra attraction for next Saturday evening. Miss Spray is Seattle's leading soprano, and has also been heard in Victoria, having made a very favorable impression by her singing at the Metropolitan Methodist church some few weeks ago.

## NINGA, MAN.

Mr. L. W. Hillier, of This Place, Says Doan's Kidney Pills Cured Him of Backache Which Was So Bad He Could Hardly Walk

Backache seems to be one of the prevalent complaints of the day from which no class of citizens is exempt.

People in the West, as in every part of the Dominion, are coming to recognize that the pain and ache in the back is the kidney's cry for help and are using Doan's Kidney Pills, a remedy which has been more successful than any other in curing backache and every form of kidney trouble.

Mr. L. W. Hillier, of Ninga, Man., is one of those who have been released from the thrall of severe backache and kidney complaint by Doan's Kidney Pills, and writes the following account of his case for the benefit of other sufferers.

"It affords me great pleasure to recommend Doan's Kidney Pills, as I firmly believe from my experience with them that they are just the thing for backache and kidney complaint.

Before taking these pills I could scarcely walk around, my back was in such a desperately bad condition.

Now my back is strong and well and I am able to do any work without any trouble. I could not do less than recommend Doan's Kidney Pills highly as they have cured me, so that now I am in the best of health."

Doan's Kidney Pills are not only a specific for backache, but also cure Bright's disease, diabetes, dropsy, puffiness under the eyes, gravel, sediment in urine, weakness of the urinary organs in children and old people, female complaints, rheumatism and all diseases due to defective kidney action.

As there are many imitations always ask for Doan's Kidney Pills and see that the full name and the trade mark of the Maple Leaf are on every box. The Doan Kidney Pill Co., Toronto, Ont.

## TENDING THE WOUNDED.

Though the necessity of attending the wounded in the field was early recognized, still it was only within this century that serious attempts were made to deal with this important question. In former times the assistance rendered to the wounded was based on the principle that it costs more to cure a soldier than to levy a recruit, and the ordinary private was looked upon as a mere fighting machine in a campaign through illness considerably disabled, he was dismissed as valueless, only a small gratuity being allowed to him to find his way home as well as he could. The sanitary conditions being neglected, too, it is not surprising to find that the losses sustained in a campaign through illness considerably outnumbered those on the battlefields. The Franco-German war is the first in which this ratio was reversed.

When the British army takes the field each battalion, cavalry regiment, or brigade division of artillery, i.e., three batteries, is accompanied by a medical officer, who is supplied with a cart containing medical appliances, and is assisted by two privates trained in rendering help to the wounded. This officer has also the charge of the regimental stretchers, each of which is carried by two men. With a battalion, for instance, there are eight stretchers.

When a man is wounded he is attended to as quickly as possible by the medical officer of his corps; and then he is carried by the stretcher parties to the collecting station. The latter consists of the ambulance wagons of a bearer company, and is established as close to the fighting line as is consistent with safety, using, of course, any cover the ground offers.

A bearer company is attached to every infantry and cavalry brigade; it has ten ambulance wagons provided with stretchers, and a water-cart; its staff consists of a few medical officers and a certain number of non-commissioned officers and men, all furnished by the Medical Corps. While sending its ambulances to the collecting station to receive the wounded, the bearer company establishes the dressing station 1,500 to 2,000 yards in rear of the firing line. At this station, which is provided with a tent displaying the Geneva flag, the most seriously wounded are attended to, and all such operations are performed which permit of no delay.

Their injuries having been treated at the dressing station, the wounded are transported by road or railway to the field hospital, which is established at a safe distance in rear of the battle line, and which contains sufficient accommodation to allow the men to rest there for about two days, when they are either discharged to again join their regiments, or are passed to the base hospital formed at the port of embarkation for England. Field hospitals, as the name implies, march with the troops that take the field. An infantry division has three of these hospitals, each containing 100 beds. The base hospitals not only contain every possible appliance to ensure the well-being of the soldier, but also give the wounded heroes the additional delight of coming under the tender

hands of nurses. Most comfortably equipped hospital ships carry the wounded from the base hospital to England, where they are finally transferred to Netley, or some other hospital, London, Graphie.

Frederick E. Church, the celebrated scenic painter, died in New York on Saturday.

## A Terrible Cough



If people would only treat coughs and colds in time with Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup, there would be fewer homes desolate.

The severest coughs and colds, bronchitis and croup, and the first stages of consumption yield readily to this powerful lung-healing remedy. Head what Mrs. Thos. Carter, Northport, Ont., says: "I caught a severe cold, which settled on my throat and lungs, so that I could scarcely speak above a whisper. I also had a terrible cough which my friends thought would send me to my grave. I tried different remedies but all failed to do me any good until I took Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup, and the contents of one bottle completely cured me."

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The Great English Remedy. Sold and recommended by all druggists in Canada. Only reliable medicine discovered. Dr. Wood's Phosphatine is a powerful remedy for all forms of General Weakness, all effects of alcohol or excess, Mental Worries, Excessive use of Tobacco, Opium or stimulants. Mailed on receipt of price, one package \$1.00, six, \$5.00. One will please, six will cure. Samples free to any address. The Wood Company, Windsor, Ont. Wood's Phosphatine is sold in Victoria by all wholesale and retail druggists.







## Some People



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## WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, April 9, 8 a.m. A system of high areas prevails over the entire region between the Pacific and the Great Lakes, including this province and the Canadian Territories. The centre of high is at Port Arthur 30.50. The weather has been mostly fair and cool, with light rain at a few points. Frost last night was general, and in some instances very heavy. Snow is falling at Salt Lake City.

## Forecasts.

For 24 hours ending 7 a.m. Tuesday. Victoria and vicinity: Moderate to fresh northerly and northerly winds, mostly fair and cool, with frost at night. Lower Mainland: Light winds, mostly fair and cool, with frost at night.

## Reports.

Victoria-Barometer, 30.29; temperature, 50; minimum, 39; wind, S. E.; rain, 0.01; weather, clear.

New Westminster-Barometer, 30.32; temperature, 50; minimum, 30; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Nanaimo-Barometer, 30.28; temperature, 48; minimum, 28; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Kamloops-Barometer, 30.28; temperature, 48; minimum, 28; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Harkerville-Barometer, 30.44; temperature, 42; minimum, 30; wind, 4 miles N. E.; weather, cloudy.

Portland, Ore.-Barometer, 30.24; temperature, 40; minimum, 38; wind, 6 miles N. W.; rain, .02; weather, cloudy.

Tacoma-Barometer, 30.20; temperature, 30; minimum, 30; wind, 4 miles S. E.; weather, clear.

San Francisco-Barometer, 30.06; temperature, 48; minimum, 46; wind, 4 miles S. E.; weather, clear.

## CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

G. & J. does give no trouble. On all Ramlers. Pleased to show them at Weller Bros' cyclery.

Tea Pots, Jugs and other goods in great variety just opened at R. A. Brown & Co's, 80 Douglas street.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Walton, of Lake District, mourn the loss by death of their seven-year-old son, Samuel.

Tree Pruners, Pruning Knives, Hedge Trimmers and Garden Tools cheap for cash at R. A. Brown & Co's, 80 Douglas street.

Boys' Knicker-Pants, 25c, 40c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25. McCandless Bros, 37 Johnson street.

The London Grocers' Gazette of March 17th says: "The country demand for salmon is as large as ever, and big supplies are going into consumption. The River Falloch, as we write, is spoken about ten days away from port, but large quantities of the goods on board are ready to sail. Half-pound tins seem to be very popular."

Imperial Cafe for afternoon tea, Ralston's bread and buns; cosy rooms for ladies.

The Great Northern railway are now giving reduced rates to commercial travellers going into the Kootenays. The commercial men are given tickets for about three dollars less than the ordinary traveller. The commercial fare to Sandon has been placed at \$17.50 from Victoria, \$21.35 to Kaslo, \$20.95 to Alton, \$19.85 to Nelson and \$19.00 to Roseland. Three hundred pounds of baggage (except mail) will be checked free on tickets sold under these arrangements.

Billy Howard, the musical comedian, at Savoy to-night.

The exodus of pedagogues from the different portions of the province, to the Terminal City, to attend the annual convention of the Provincial Teachers' Institute, which will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week, will commence on Saturday, the first of the present week. Last year the convention was held in South Park school in this city, and was largely attended. The various papers being of a most instructive character, and productive of considerable discussion. A similar programme has been arranged for the convention at Vancouver. Victoria will undoubtedly be excellently represented, not only at the various sessions, but also in the discussions. Among those who will be present will be Miss A. D. Cameron and Miss R. Watson, who will deal with the following subject: "What Are the Schools Doing and What Can They Do to Develop a Taste for Good Books?" "The Flag in School" will also be dealt with by L. Tait. Among those participating in the discussion on "Does the Kindergarten Prepare for the Public Schools?" will be Miss A. Russell, also of this city. City Superintendent D. B. Tait will contribute toward the discussion of "Primary Geography," and the President of the Provincial Institute Mr. D. Wilson B. A. will deliver an address on "Astronomical Geography." Victoria will be well represented in the discussion on "History" among those taking part being Miss M. Williams, and Messrs. A. B. McNeill and J. D. Gillis. In the discussion on "Primary Reading" City Superintendent F. H. Eaton, and Miss A. Russell will take part, while Victoria will be represented in the discussion on "Primary Number Work" by W. N. Wislady. In the senior section, among those who will deal with the subject "The Presentation of Algebra to Beginners" will be Principal E. R. Paul of the Victoria High school. A paper will be read by Miss A. H. Cameron, on "Of What Should Our Work in English Consist?"

## Try the Native Sons Cigar, manufactured by Meiss &amp; Co.

Experienced wheelmen choose Ramlers, because they have tone and style. Call at Weller Bros' cyclery and have them explained.

The importance of pure food and pure beverages is daily becoming more fully recognized by law and common sense. The purity of Hindi Ceylon Tea is guaranteed by its history.

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Smokers.—Mr. A. G. Franklin, for the past several years employee of S. A. Morris, Tobacconist, can be seen at Frank Campbell's cigar store, Old Post Office, Government street. Hello Frank & Bert.

Dear Hartnagel, of this place, was among the students of the Ontario Veterinary College who took high standing at the recent examinations. He secured honors in materia medica, and in disease and treatment.

Yesterday being Palm Sunday was observed in the Roman Catholic church, high mass being celebrated by Rev. Father Althoff, assisted by Rev. Father Latour. On Thursday, Good Friday and Saturday services will be conducted in the R. C. cathedral at 8 a.m.

See Post, Marion and Ashley at Savoy to-night.

Next Sunday the regular Easter rally of the Methodist Sunday schools of the city will be held. It is announced to take place this year in the Centennial Methodist church on the Gorge road. There will be the usual special programme of music and addresses.

Proceedings were of a rather slow character in the city police court this morning, the court's sole attention being occupied by Mary Ann, a kitchikan, who was charged with drunkenness. She was fined \$7.50 and \$1 costs, or in default fifteen days' imprisonment with hard labor.

It is pretty well settled that the episcopal vacancy made by the departure of Archbishop Christie for Oregon will be filled by Rev. Father Bertrand, pastor of St. Lawrence's church, Portland, Ore. The most recent announcement of this fact is contained in a late issue of the Catholic News.

The funeral of the late George Stewart took place yesterday from the family residence, Langford street, Victoria West. There was a large attendance and many beautiful floral emblems. Rev. W. D. Barber conducted the services and the following gentlemen assisted as pallbearers: Messrs. T. C. Pace, A. Lownds, C. Mitchell, T. W. Brown, F. G. Rae and G. B. Harrison.

There is likely to be an important meeting of the city council to-night. The mayor will return for reconsideration the resolution appropriating \$1,000 for harbor borings in connection with the Sochy scheme. He will also recommend a resolution calling for tenders to remove the old Point Ellice bridge. This structure was kept standing while the bridge suits were pending, as it was thought they might be necessary in evidence. As the suits are now practically disposed of, this necessity no longer exists, and it is considered important that this relic of a dark chapter in the history of the city should be removed before the influx of visitors on the 24th of May. A communication will also be submitted suggesting that the city electric light plant should be utilized for power for the pumping machinery at North Dairy Farm, in which case the tenders for boiler will not probably be opened.

Hear Clarisse Sinclair in illustrated songs, Savoy to-night.

The return of the torpedo boat destroyer X-ray on Saturday has contributed no gleam of information which could act as a clue for the authorities to elucidate the mystery surrounding the disappearance of Assistant Paymaster Thomas B. Clarke, of H.M.S. Leander. The systematic search of the steamer Alpha just before her departure for the North from Vancouver was quite fruitless, but in spite of this there appeared to be a lingering doubt as to whether or no the missing man had been overlooked while the Alpha was being searched, and the steamer was overhauled and again inspected by the destroyer, but as unsuccessfully as on the previous occasion. The case is one that appears to baffle everybody, and in order to dispose of the theory that he had accidentally fallen into the waters of Esquimalt harbor through near-sightedness, that harbor was dragged on Saturday with no results. It is not improbable that the theory that Clarke has contrived through some means or other, to leave for the North, is correct.

Imperial Restaurant, cor. Douglas and View streets; special Lent dishes.

An instructive lecture, excellently illustrated, will be given on Wednesday, April 11th, in the lecture hall at St. Andrew's church, on behalf of the Victoria branch of the British Columbia Red Cross Society, by F. Napier Denison. The offer was made by Mr. Denison at a recent committee meeting of the Victoria branch, and needless to say was gratefully accepted, and is most opportune, owing to the efforts now being instituted to obtain the funds for the purchase of necessary articles for immediate use in South Africa. The subject of Mr. Denison's lecture will be "Our Atmospheric Ocean," and the lecturer will be enabled to speak with a considerable degree of authority on this topic, having made it a special study for years. In fact, Mr. Denison has contributed several instructive articles in scientific circles, one of which, "Original Research," have received the hearty commendation of Lord Kelvin before the British Association. At his lecture on April 11th, special time-light views will be used as illustrations and will be operated by Mr. Fleming. Tickets are 25 cents and may be obtained from Messrs. Hibbs & Co., Crease & Crease, Victoria Book & Stationery store, Chadlister & Mitchell, and from any member of the society committee.

## WILL NOME BE AN OPEN PORT

Special United States Treasury Agent, for Alaska Gathering Evidence Again at San Francisco.

J. F. Evans, recently appointed special treasury agent for Alaska, is at San Francisco. The Chronicle of that city says: "Agent Evans has just arrived here en route to his official headquarters in Sitka. He will remain here until April 20th for the purpose of hearing evidence as to whether or not Cape Nome, in Alaska, shall be designated by the government as a port of entry, in addition to other such ports now recognized on the Pacific coast."

"The fate of Cape Nome as a port will be determined by the report which Agent Evans will make to the government. It is to the decided advantage of San Francisco merchants and shippers that Nome should not be an open port. On the other hand, British interests in the Canadian Northwest will be greatly benefited by the creation of the new port. Seattle, because of business connections with British Columbia, and Canada, opposes San Francisco, and insists, with British merchants, that the port of Nome be opened."

The principal question before Agent Evans is as to the sufficiency of existing commercial and shipping facilities to care for the increasing business of the Coast. It is recognized as inevitable that the opening of any new port will operate to divert from San Francisco a certain amount of business. The government has on two different occasions of late refused to make Nome an open port. It is deemed certain that the government will adhere to this action if it is shown by satisfactory evidence that San Francisco is able to care for all passengers and freight which may be offered here for transportation to the Nome country.

Agent Evans, since his arrival here, has had interviews with the leading shipping firms engaged in coastwise trade, and also with many prominent merchants. All business interests thus far consulted agree that an additional port of entry at Nome is unnecessary, and further, that the creation of such port would be to the advantage of British Columbia and to the decided disadvantage of San Francisco.

"The importance of the question at issue is such that Agent Evans desires to receive the fullest evidence possible before making his report. In order to all persons interested, and to hear the views of the local business community, he has established headquarters at 120 Sutter street, where he will hear evidence daily during the remainder of his stay in this city."

A meeting of the board of licensing commissioners will be held on April 19th to deal with an application for a license for the new hotel at Shawigan Lake.

The trial of C. Wentworth Sarel, editor of the Kamloops Standard, for the murder of the late John A. Macdonald, comes up to-morrow. Mr. Sarel came over from the Mainland last night.

The death occurred in London on December 30th last of Walter Edwards after a few days' illness. Mr. Edwards was well known throughout the province, having been a resident here during the early sixties, returning to England in 1871. Death resulted from an attack of pneumonia. He leaves a widow, two daughters and one son.

At the Savoy this week another attractive bill to be presented which, in addition to the whole of last week's big company, will include Post and Ashley, Victoria's favorite sketch team; Dave Marion, the monologist; Wm. H. Howard, the musical artist, and Clarisse Sinclair, who will introduce the latest Eastern fad-illustrated songs.

The members of Calvary Baptist church and their friends had charge of the programme arrangements for the concert in the Temperance hall on Saturday evening last. This was the last of the Saturday evening series, and fully maintained the splendid standard set by its predecessors. The choir was under the able leadership of G. F. Watson. The choir was occupied by A. B. McNeill and the following programme was most pleasantly rendered: Solo, G. F. Watson; mandolin duet, Miss Crawford and Mrs. E. H. Elliott; Mr. Eberhart; Mrs. Kincaid; Miss Watson; Mr. Eberhart; Miss Andrews; violin duet, Misses Hendry; solo, Mrs. G. F. Watson; address, Dr. L. Hall; Mr. King; "Soldiers of the Queen" and flag drill, Master Campbell and company; "God Save the Queen."

Lieut. Scott of H.M.S. Pheasant, who was shot by a sentry on Friday, still lies in a critical condition at the Naval Hospital. His condition remains unchanged, although his friends hoped that his strong and virile constitution will enable him to survive his wounds. In connection with the matter Special Watchman Nunn wishes the Times to set the statement in the Colonist to the effect that in a collision with Lieut. Burns of the H.M.S. Leander, drew his sword on him. He states that this is entirely incorrect, and that Lieut. Burns was not a naval but a military officer. Mr. Nunn further stated that he has served twenty-one years and never knew a station where there was greater harmony between the two branches of the service than here.

The Cowichan Roman Catholic church at Qualicum was totally destroyed by fire last Saturday evening. It is thought that Friday's storm caused a break in the chimney between the ceiling and the roof, and that from this the fire originated. Only a few articles from the vestry were saved. The loss was about \$4,000, and there was no insurance. The building was a large one, with a seating capacity of four hundred, and prettily decorated in the interior, although the outside was unfinished. The building was entered this morning by a lot of \$1,000. Great grief is felt among the Cowichan Indians, as in addition to this calamity, Rev. Father Roudeau, the Cowichan pioneer, who has been rector of the church and mission for forty-two years, is dying at St. Joseph's Hospital in this city.

## THE PASSING THROUGH

Arrivals of the Day at the City Hotels—Guests of the Corridors.

If the trade of the city is to be judged by the number of commercial travellers that come to sell their wares then surely that of Victoria is growing, for every week the number of commercial men registered at the city hotels are more and more numerous. To-day there are eight at the Driford as well as a number at the Victoria, the Dominion and other city hotels. Those at the Driford are: W. M. Leeper, E. G. D. Elliott, James A. Young, of Toronto; R. Wilson, of Vancouver; T. A. Brady, of Boston; C. B. Bradwin, of London, Ont.; Nathan Lewis, the cigar man of Montreal; and W. Williams, a boot and shoe traveller of Montreal.

R. S. Chute, commissioner appointed by the Dominion government to inquire into the differences existing in the metalliferous districts of B. C., arrived last night from Roseland and is at the Driford. He will leave by the Victoria to-morrow morning en route west.

Among the Victorians who returned from the Mainland on the Islander last night were: F. C. Gamble, E. A. Morris, Dr. F. J. Jones, J. Macaulay, F. Peters, F. Higgins, C. E. Howell, J. C. Marlene, O'Brien, W. L. Ellis, Rev. J. B. Hastings and T. Westcott.

W. Arthur, who arrived from San Francisco by the steamer City of Puebla, is at the Victoria. He leaves for Vancouver to-night to join his brother, with whom he intends going to Nome.

Mrs. Pybus, wife of the captain of the steamer Tartar, is at the Dallas. She will leave for San Francisco by the steamer Queen this evening.

J. H. Calvert, a commercial man of Toronto, and Frank Doods, representing the Crown Silver Plate Co. of that city, are guests at the Victoria.

Miss Maggie Sherbourne returned yesterday from an extended visit to Seattle, and is a guest of Mrs. M. A. Wyde, of this city.

W. C. Nichol, managing editor of the Province, of Vancouver, arrived by the Islander last night and is a guest at the Victoria.

A. J. and A. W. Briggs returned yesterday from Kingston, Ont., where they went to settle up the estate of their late father.

Rev. E. E. Scott and Mrs. Scott, of Vancouver, returned from the Islander Saturday night from Vancouver.

Mrs. J. G. Keefe and Miss L. Keefe, who arrived from Vancouver last night, are registered at the Victoria.

H. A. Pratt and E. Felling, both of whom arrived from Skagway by the "Dante" on Saturday, are at the Dallas. S. F. Hyde and wife, and M. D. Allen and wife, a party of tourists from Louisiana, are registered at the Driford.

C. Frank Beers and J. A. Gibson, two of Nelson's mining firm, are among the late arrivals at the Driford.

E. and B. Brown, E. R. Hill and W. J. Clarke make up a party of Winnipeggers registered at the Victoria.

H. L. and B. L. Robertson, of Moreau Island, are among the late arrivals at the New England.

F. Max Adam, of the Federal Life Insurance Co. of Vancouver, is a guest at the Driford.

Capt. Longmire and wife, of Vancouver, are at the Driford.

Mr. Stinson and wife, of Vancouver, are guests at the Dallas.

Rev. Patrick Fay, of Port Angeles, is a guest at the Victoria.

L. B. Bunt, of Seattle, is registered at the New England.

J. J. Southcott, of Vancouver, is at the New England.

H. Martin, of Hamilton, is a guest at the Victoria.

R. White, of Toronto, is registered at the Driford.

George Murray, of Vancouver, is at the Victoria.

Max Leiser returned from the Sound yesterday.

E. E. Ely, of St. Louis, is at the New England.

Just received, direct, a splendid assortment of trout flies. Inspection invited. Henry Short & sons, 72 Douglas street.

L. & C. A. Haynes, grocers, of Douglas street, and Oaklands, have assigned to Arthur Bruchey. The creditors meet on April 17th at 3 p.m., at Langley & Martin's office.

Justin Gilbert, court stenographer, who is now on his vacation, has, it is said, secured a lucrative post of a similar nature at Spokane, worth about \$5,000 per annum, and will take up his residence there. This has necessitated his resignation of his position with the local court, which he has held for some years. There are a number of applicants for the position, but the Attorney General stated this morning that no appointment had yet been made. Among those applying for the position, which is a very desirable one, are Louis J. Seymour, late of Van Anda, and Messrs. Jones and Warden, of local stenographic circles.

Two dances will be held on Thursday and Friday, April 19th and 20th, in aid of the working fund of the Women's Auxiliary Society, of the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital. The dances will be held in the Assembly rooms, Port street, which will be beautifully decorated for the occasion, and will be open for workers at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, the 18th. The second dance will be especially for children, and is expected to be a picturesque event for which fancy or show-dresses will be permissible, though not compulsory. Members of the Auxiliary Society are asked to assist in making the events a success by contributing cake, sandwiches, jellies or plants.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Rhona Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Gruen's signature is on each box.

## Annual Bread Competition

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SHIPPING NEWS.  
HAPPENINGS OF A DAY ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

VICTORIA TIDES.  
By F. Napier Denison.

The zero of the accompanying scale corresponds to the average lowest yearly tide, and 18.6 feet above the sill of the Esquimalt dry dock.

Tuesday, April 10.

Time. Height above zero.

1:30 a.m. 7.4 feet.

6:30 a.m. 5.5 feet.

12:00 p.m. 6.4 feet.

6:00 p.m. 4.0 feet.

Wednesday, April 11.

Time. Height above zero.

2:00 a.m. 7.3 feet.

7:30 a.m. 5.7 feet.

1:10 p.m. 6.5 feet.

6:50 p.m. 4.4 feet.

Steamer City of Nanaimo is on her way down here with a broken propeller, she having broken one of her screws by getting it entangled in the wreckage of the fallen wharf at the Ladysmith collieries. The Oscar, which was loading there at the time of the accident, has gone to Tacoma, and is expected here to-night. She was not damaged. According to those who returned from the collieries by last night's train, the damage is confined to the extension, which was being built to the present wharf on which are the bunkers. As for the collieries being damaged, there is nothing to prevent a dock steamer being loaded there, they say. The storm was of that variety known as a white squall. It swept into the harbor, bringing a heavy sea and carried the entire extension of the wharf from the piles together with what cars were standing on it.

The lumber rates at present quoted are: Sydney, 63c, 64c and 55c; Melbourne or Adelaide, 63c, 64c and 55c; Port Pirie, 56c, 57c and 58c; Fremantle, 68c, 69c and 70c; Geraldton, 70c and 71c, 3d; West Coast, 62c, 6d and 65c; Pisagua range; Callao direct, 61c, 6d and 62c, 6d; Buenos Aires, 70c and 71c, 3d; Shanghai, 68c, 69c and 70c; Kiangchow, 61c, 6d and 62c, 6d; Nagasaki, 70c; Port Arthur, 66c, 6d and 67c, 6d; Tientsin, 67c, 6d and 68c, 6d; Newchwang, 67c, 6d and 68c, 6d; Vladivostok, 55c and 56c, 3d; South Africa, 70c and 72c, 6d; U. K., 60c, 6d and 62c, 6d. Above rates show a firm market with a better rate for Callao as high as 43c, 9d, with the usual options. United Kingdom, etc., is being asked for wheat carriers. The highest rate paid so far is 41s and 3d.

Steamer Danube, Capt. H. R. Foster, which arrived from Skagway last evening about 3 p.m., after a fast passage, brought down fourteen passengers, including a number of late arrivals from Dawson. The full list was as follows: E. Foley, H. A. Pratt, J. E. Lilly, W. J. Sinclair, T. J. Longwell, E. E. Bonmont, J. S. Lancaster, C. H. Stacey, James Brownell, Chas. E. Wood, T. H. Wilson, A. Lambert, C. Young and R. Lipple. The Danube will sail again for the North on Wednesday evening.

Steamer City of Puebla arrived this morning from San Francisco, bringing a large crowd of passengers. There were in all 326 passengers, and of these 88 departed here. The steamer landed 60 tons of general merchandise at the outer wharf for Victoria merchants.

Steamer Boscowitz sailed at midnight for Naas and the canneries of northern B. C., loaded to the guards with canneries supplies and crewed with canneries employees. She will go to Massett and Skidegate this trip.

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